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## *Disability Benefits - General Rule*

To qualify for disability benefits,  
a worker over age 31 must.



- be fully insured (generally, 40 quarters of coverage approximately 10 years of work); and
- be currently insured (20 quarters out of the last 40 -
- 5 out of the last 10 years of work); and
- be a U.S. Citizen or lawful admitted resident; and
- have a physical or mental condition that prevents work or earning **substantial gainful activity** for a period of at
- complete an application for benefits least 12 months or have a terminal condition; and



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## ***Disability Benefits: Special Rules***

**To qualify for disability benefits,  
a worker under age 31...**



**Before Age 24**      qualifies with six credits earned  
in the three-year period ending  
when the disability began.

**Age 24 to 31**      qualifies with credit for having  
worked half the time between 21  
and the time the worker became  
disabled, e.g. if disabled at age  
27, three years of work (12  
credits) out of the past six years  
(time between age 21 and age  
27).



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## *Disability: The Definition*



**“Disability is the inability to engage in any *substantial gainful activity* by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which is expected to last 12 months or result in death.”**



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## **Applying for Disability Benefits**

### **An Overview**

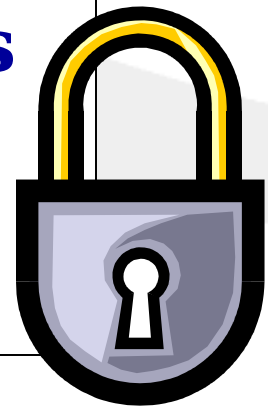


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## Is SSA's Website Secure?

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- **SSA is committed to security**
- **Encryption**
- **Password Protection**
- **Knowledge-based access**
- **Signature proxy**
- **Protecting your privacy**



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## *Apply Online for Disability Benefits*

<http://www.ssa.gov/applyfordisability/adult.1>

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### Disability & SSI

#### Apply for Disability Benefits - Adult (Age 18 or Over)

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To apply for disability benefits for an adult, you will need to complete **an application for Social Security Benefits AND an Adult Disability Report**. The report collects information about your disabling condition and how it affects your ability to work. You can complete the forms online, or you may call us to schedule an appointment and we will help you in person or by phone.


#### How to apply

Please follow these steps:

**Step 1. Review the [Adult Disability Starter Kit](#).** This kit answers common questions about applying for benefits and includes a worksheet that will help you gather the information you need.

**Step 2. Fill out the [online application for Social Security Benefits](#).** (If you've never worked, skip this step and [contact us](#) after you complete Step 3.)

**Step 3. Fill out the online [Adult Disability Report](#).** At the end of the report, we will ask you to sign a form that gives your doctor permission to send us information about your disability. We need this information so we can make a



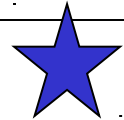


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## **Filing for Disability**

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- 1. Review the Adult Disability Starter Kit.**
- 2. Fill out the online application for Social Security Benefits.**
- 3. Fill out the online Adult Disability Report.**





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## Claimant Section

***Collects detailed information about***

- **the applicant**
- **the nature of the disability**
- **how it affects the ability to work**



- **At the end of this section, you'll get a re-e**
- **You need it to return to the disability repo**  
**before you submit it**

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## Doctor Section

***Collects details including:***

- ***contact information for physicians, psychologists, optometrists, nurse practitioners, therapists, chiropractors, acupuncturists, etc.***
- ***reasons for treatment***
- ***types of treatment***
- ***treatment dates***



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## Screen Name-Your Reentry

## Number Adult Disability and Work History Report

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Sign Off

About You

Medical History

Work/Education

Review and Send

Name: **John Public**  
SSN: **743-17-3094**



### About You: Your Reentry Number

Before going any further, we are giving you a Reentry Number. Each Adult Disability and Work History Report has its own Reentry Number that can be used only for that report. If you get disconnected, or if you decide to work on the report again later, you will need this number. It will allow you to come back to the report and continue where you left off without losing any information you already entered.

Your Reentry Number is: **68698374**

**Print or save this page, or write down the number, so you will have a copy of your Reentry Number.**

If you lose or forget your Reentry Number, you will have to begin the Adult Disability and Work History Report over again, and you will lose all the information you already entered. You can start a new Disability Report only 3 times. To protect your privacy, no one else can have access to your Reentry Number. Social Security can help you start the process over again, but we cannot look up your Reentry Number for you.



## Send this Report

**Note:** After you send this report, you will not be able to come back to it online.

You are ready to send this report electronically to Social Security. If you were not able to complete all parts of the report, don't worry. We will contact you if we need any more information.

**IMPORTANT:** You will NOT be able to come back to this report online after you press the Send button.

- If you want to make changes after sending the online Adult Disability and Work History Report, you can contact the Social Security office.
- If you want a copy of the summary page and you have not yet printed it, choose Prior Page to go back to the summary before selecting "Send". You can then return to this page and send the report to us.
- If you are ready to submit this report, use the "Send" button.

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**Or call us at:**

**1-800-772-1213**

**TTY 1-800-325-0778**

**Weekdays 7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.**





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## ***Contact Social Security***

**You can contact Social Security by:**

- Calling toll-free 1-800-772-1213  
(Voice) 1-800-325-0778  
(TTY)
- Visiting Social Security Online at:  
**[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)**
- Going to your local Social Security Office:



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